

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 to 7 are pending, as shown in the above listing of the claims. Claims 1-6 were previously presented. New claim 7 has been added by this amendment.

Written description support for new claim 7 may be found throughout the specification and original claims. For example, support may be found from original claim 1. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

II. Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 to 6 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,660,921. While applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for the rejection, applicant submits herewith an executed terminal disclaimer in order to facilitate prosecution of this application. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that the rejection is obviated and should be withdrawn.

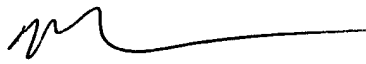
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above application, and timely allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional necessary fees to Deposit Account No: 503030.

Respectfully submitted.

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